

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A print system comprising:

at least two image data outputting apparatuses and one printer that prints images based on image data transferred from the at least two image data outputting apparatuses; and

control means that controls printing preparation of the recording sheet in the printer based on the transfer time, required for the transfer of the image data when the image data is transferred from each image data outputting apparatus, and a printing preparation time required for printing preparation of the recording sheet for printing the images based on the image data; wherein

the printer is equipped with a plurality of trays at different positions, each of which houses recording sheets of different sizes;

printing preparation start timing is obtained that enables the time of completion of transfer of the image data and the time of completion of the printing preparation of the recording sheet to be synchronized; and

the printing preparation of the recording sheet is started at the above-described printing preparation start timing;

the at least two image data outputting apparatuses transfer identifying information regarding themselves when transferring the image data;

the printing preparation time for the each image data outputting apparatus is recorded in advance in the control means; and

the control means obtains the printing preparation time which corresponds to the identifying information transferred from the at least two image data outputting apparatus, and determines the printing preparation start timing based on the printing preparation time and the transfer time.

2. (original): The print system according to claim 1, wherein the control means calculates and obtains the transfer time based on information sent from the image data outputting apparatus when the image data is transferred from each image data outputting apparatus.

3. (original): The print system according to claim 1, wherein:
transfer time information indicating the transfer time of the image data of the image data outputting apparatus is input and stored in the control means in advance.

4. (original): The print system according to claim 1, wherein:
the control means obtains a difference time between the transfer time and the printing preparation time; and
when the transfer time is longer than the printing preparation time, the printing preparation of the recording sheet is started after a period of time equivalent to the difference time has passed from a transfer start time of the image data.

5. (original): The print system according to claim 2, wherein:

the control means obtains a difference time between the transfer time and the printing preparation time; and

when the transfer time is longer than the printing preparation time, the printing preparation of the recording sheet is started after a period of time equivalent to the difference time has passed from a transfer start time of the image data.

6. (original): The print system according to claim 3, wherein:

the control means obtains a difference time between the transfer time and the printing preparation of the recording sheet when the transfer time is longer than the printing preparation time, the printing preparation of the recording sheet is started after a period of time equivalent to the difference time has passed from a transfer start time of the image data.

7-13. (canceled):